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Happy New Year Everyone,

It is my honor and privilege to be back in as president of the NUTS club. The Club Officers, Wagon Masters, Jr. Wagon Masters, and I have a great year planned for you. There have been several exciting motions passed that you can read about in the secretary's section of the newsletter.

During these winter months while the weather is cold and the ground is frozen, I hope that everyone has the opportunity to research, organize, and attribute many of the finds that you discovered during the last year. You can go to our website that has great links and resources to help with this.

This year I will be bringing back the monthly science demonstrations. A preview of the coming months: In February we will be doing our club auction and Bob Campbell will be swearing in the club officers for the 2019 year. Our guest speaker this month will be Lukas McKenzie. He will be talking about Native American artifacts. Also be ready to renew your club membership for 2019. March will our Bourse Night, club metal design voting, and the first of our Finds of the Month for 2019

We have many great prizes for this month's drawing. See our list of prizes that is attached. We look forward to having everyone with us this month. Please invite your family members and friends to come and join us.

Cows run away from the storm while the buffalo charges toward it - and gets through it quicker. Whenever I'm confronted with a tough challenge, I do not prolong the storm I become the buffalo.

Thanks everyone and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on January 24th.

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## How to Earn Christmas Tickets

- 1 for monthly signed attendance log,
- 1 for bringing treats (dessert and drink),
- 1 for being an officer/wagon master each month,
- 1 for each hour serving at the coin/token show,
- 1 for submitting an article,
- 1 for referral that joins club,
- 1 for member spotlight or special find in the news,
- 1 purchasing prizes for the raffle per month





## Why I'm N.U.T.S.

January 12th, 2019

As a member of the Nuts Club for my third year, it's been a great experience sharing my finds with each of you. I learn more every year about treasure hunting, coin collection and tokens. I also have made some great friends becoming a member. I'm going to share with you my passion of metal detecting, coin collecting & relic hunting.

It all started in 2016, 3 years ago when my children & I went to All About Coins & bought some penny books to sort our jar of pennies. We soon bought more coin books to sort quarters & dollars & then, one day, bought a White's Sierra Super Trac metal detector. It cost about \$700.00. My wife was out of town in Brazil, so I justified spending the money.

After a week or so of finding modern coins in my yard I started going to other yards & parks & getting the hang of the machine. My first silver coin I found about a half a block away from my home in Millcreek. It was a Morgan silver dollar. In the same hole was a walking liberty half dollar. I really had no idea what I had found but quickly put them in my pocket along with some modern coins and a Utah Tax token & went home to show the family. I think after that I was hooked.

I've prepared a yearly Dansco book of all the best silver coins & tokens I've found each year. Some of you have seen these books. With my passion of metal detecting, I also have been buying & collecting coins. Nothing to crazy, I believe the most expensive coins I have bought are some first day issue silver Krugerrand coins for \$249.00 & 1 \$5 dollar gold Indian coin I had to sell when times were a bit tight last Spring. That coin was \$649.00. Still have a nice collection of Morgan Silver dollars, one of my favorites. I rarely sell any of my collection.

I've collected hundred and hundreds of silver coins, lot's of silver rounds & even some gold coins. Coin collecting and metal detecting has definitely become my go to hobby in comparison to my old interest of golfing & fishing. But there is something about the thrill of searching and finding old coins FREE, in the dirt.

My last coin I found metal detecting was in December of 2018. It was a barber dime and I also found a really cool New Star Pool Room aluminum token off of Redwood Road in Bountiful. I found these hunting with my good friend Casey Ditman on December 16th.



Can't wait to get out there again to fill up my 2019 coin book. This will be my 4th year of detecting. Hopefully, this year I can find my 3rd Morgan silver dollar or a Barber half dollar. You can imagine the coins I'd still like to find like a flying eagle penny, shield nickel, rare Dividend token or some of those key date rare coins like a 1943 copper wheat penny.

Love to detect some of the ghost towns in Utah & surrounding States if any of you want to do a road trip. Love hunting with friends & fellow detectorists that share the same passion as I do.

Big shout out to my wife, Giovana & Marcelo who each have been so supportive of my hobby as it takes much time away from helping raise our family. Neat to see both of my children attending NUTS with me and each of them have a small collection. Someday, all my finds and collection will be passed down to them.

Let's all build this club up with lot's of members & make it even better than it already is. Then will we have even more friends and great places to go relic hunting together.  
Good luck & happy hunting.

## News and Events

Renew your club membership for 2019. Individual \$12 Family \$18

### Motions That Passed

1. Buy a cooler with wheels for the drinks to use at each meeting.
2. If a club member has 100% attendance for the year they will receive 5 Christmas tickets.
3. The best token winner at the Finds of the Month will receive a silver quarter

### Wasatch Winter Coin Show

Friday January 25, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday January 26, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Admission: \$3.00 per person, \$5.00 per Family

### FUN Show Auction Results from Heritage Auctions



1943 Copper cent AU53 \$204,000



1794 \$1 VF30 \$186,000



1885 Trade dollar Proof 66 \$3,960,000



2000-P \$1/25cent Sacagawea Dollar / Washington Statehood Quarter  
Mule MS67 \$120,000

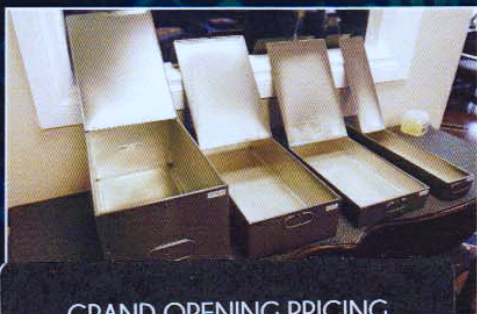


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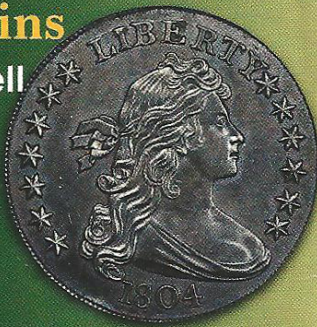
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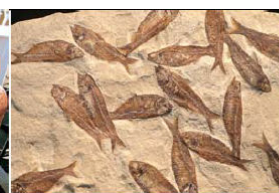


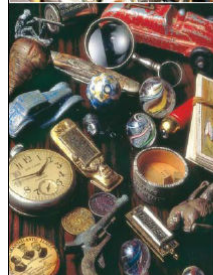










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1868 3 - cents  
Special Officer Badge  
2008 John McCain Presidential dollar  
Wasatch Store Co, S.L. C. Ut G/F 5 cents in trade  
1956 Washington Quarter  
Julie's, Grantsville, Ut G/F 5 cents in trade  
1835 Large Cent  
1884-5 Morgan Dollar  
2017 U.S. Mint Uncirculated Coin Set (Philadelphia/Denver)  
Pony Express Token  
President George Bush Inauguration Medal  
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    (1911 - Liberty head Nickel, 1937 buffalo Nickel,)  
    (1937 Mercury dime)  
    (1900 Indian Head penny)  
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